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Governor Edwards Urges Caution due to Storms, Clean Up

BATON ROUGE (February 23, 2016) – Governor John Bel Edwards is urging everyone to use extra caution while today's storms continue and clean up in impacted areas begins. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is closely monitoring the conditions. GOHSEP has activated its Crisis Action Team to coordinate any requests for state support from local agencies. GOHSEP and other state agencies are being updated by the National Weather Service about the changing conditions. Numerous schools and public offices were closed today as a precaution. The Louisiana Public Service Commission reports sporadic power outages in many areas. Utility crews are on standby to begin restoration work as soon as conditions improve.

"The Louisiana State Police and other emergency responders ask everyone to stay off the road until conditions improve," said Governor John Bel Edwards. "Safety is our number one concern during this type of event. The threat of severe weather will likely remain in some areas for several more hours. In other areas, crews are still responding to emergencies and removing debris. Make sure you monitor your local media and the National Weather Service for any additional emergency advisories."

You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

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